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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH DEFENSE MINISTRY PERMSEC (C)

REF: (A) NAIROBI 1317Z JUL 26 (NOTAL)

(B) NAIROBI 1355Z JUL 26 (NOTAL)

1. (C) DCM LINDSTROM AND I MET TODAY WITH MR. KIEREINI, DEFENSE MINISTRY PERMSEC, IN THE OFFICE OF MINISTER OF DEFENSE GICHURU AT THE KENYA MINISTRY OF DEFENSE BUILDING. AFTER DISCUSSING WITH MR. KIEREINI SEVERAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS INCLUDING THE CURRENT MILITARY SITUATION (SEE REFTELS), THE DCM ASKED THAT I STATE THE PURPOSE OF MY VISIT.

2. (C) I TOLD MR. KIEREINI THAT I HAD BEEN SENT BY SECDEF RUMSFELD FOR TWO REASONS PRIMARILY: TO ASSIST THE AMBASSADOR AND MR. LINDSTROM IN FOLLOWING THE MILITARY SITUATION MORE CLOSELY AND TO REPORT TO PENTAGON OFFICIALS DIRECTLY ON THE CAPABILITIES AND VULNERABILITIES OF KENYA'S DEFENSE FORCES. TO DO THIS, I EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO RECEIVE BRIEFINGS, MAKE VISITS, OR TO ESTABLISH SUCH OTHER CONTACTS AS HE MIGHT AUTHORIZE.

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MR. KIEREINI REPLIED, "YES, WE WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH

YOU." HE POINTED OUT THAT, AS I HAD JUST WITNESSED, WE WERE ALREADY INVOLVED IN AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON THE MILITARY SITUATION. HE WANTED TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF MY ACTIVITIES AND TOLD US TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT WITH BRIGADIER PETER KAKENYI, CHIEF OF DEFENSE STAFF, TO ARRANGE DETAILED CONTACTS AND TO GET ME IN TOUCH WITH THE ARMY COMMANDER, MG JACKSON K. MULINGE. HE WOULD INFORM BRIGADIER KAKENYI TO EXPECT A CALL FROM US.

3. (C) I THANKED HIM FOR HIS COOPERATION AND LEFT A CALLING CARD (WHICH HE REQUESTED TO GIVE TO BRIGADIER KAKENYI). I MENTIONED TO MR. KIEREINI THAT I HAD BEEN PRESENT AT ONE OF THE MEETINGS HE ATTENDED IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS THE ASSISTANCE PACKAGE; THAT I HAD ACCOMPANIED THE SECDEF TO KENYA LAST MONTH; AND THAT I HAD ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI FOR ONE YEAR FIVE YEARS AGO. HE RESPONDED FAVORABLY AND REPLIED THAT I WAS NO STRANGER HERE AND THAT I WAS VERY WELCOME.

4. (S) BOTH THE DCM AND I FELT THAT THIS INITIAL MEETING WENT WELL. I DECIDED NOT TO MENTION THE DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUING MILITARY CONTACTS IN THE FORM OF A DAO UNTIL IT IS CLEAR HOW MUCH CONTACT I WILL BE ALLOWED. SHOULD IT BECOME NECESSARY TO ILLUSTRATE THE VALUE OF SUCH CONTACTS TO THE KENYANS, I WILL REQUEST AUTHORITY TO BRIEF THEM ON SOVIET MILITARY ACTIVITY IN SOMALIA AS A QUID. ALTHOUGH UGANDA IS THE CRISIS OF THE MOMENT, SOMALIA REMAINS OF HISTORIC AND CONTINUING CONCERN TO KENYA.

5. (S) FOR DIR-5: REQUEST CAPT. ASHBY ELMORE REVIEW AND UPDATE ABOVE-MENTIONED BRIEFING (THE SHORT CHRONOLOGY VERSION). KEEP TO SECRET LEVEL AND PREPARE GRAPHICS FOR A SLIDE PROJECTOR (.35MM). THIS IS MERELY AN OPTION I WISH TO HAVE AVAILABLE.

6. (S) DCM AND I CALLED ON BRIGADIER KAKENYI AT 1600 HRS. TODAY. AFTER EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF MY
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VISIT, BRIGADIER KAKENYI EXPLAINED THAT INFORMATION ON US SUPPORT OF KENYA (OBVIOUSLY NOT INCLUDING PROPOSED F-5 SALE) HAD BEEN CLOSELY HELD AT HIGH-LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND THAT TO ALLOW ME CONTACTS WITH LOWER LEVEL OFFICERS WOULD REQUIRE APPROVAL OF HIGHER AUTHORITIES. AT THIS POINT WE DETERMINED THAT MR. KIEREINI HAD NOT YET INFORMED HIM TO COOPERATE WITH ME. THIS UNDERSCORES THE POINT THAT OTHER OFFICIALS WILL NOT

MOVE ON THIS WITHOUT KIEREINI'S AUTHORIZATION. KAKENYI
WILL CONTACT US AS SOON AS HE CLEARS IT WITH KIEREINI.
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